

All India Radio for every regional language instead of multitude of small radio stations, which results into huge expenditure; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI):** (a) and (b) Prasar Bharati being the premier public service broadcaster in the country, does not work purely on commercial considerations. The earning of commercial revenue is not the only objective of the organization, but is only incidental to its activities, which are never viewed in terms of profit and loss or income versus expenditure. However, the listenership/viewership of AIR/DD is showing consistent increase year after year.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. However, through Satellite DTH, 20 channels of AIR cover the entire country except Andaman and Nicobar.

### **Loss of young Indian sailors**

1710. **SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:**  
**SHRI HARISH RAWAT:**

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that thirty young Indian sailors lost their lives in various accidents in high seas since 2005;

(b) if so, the details of shipping companies with whom these sailors were working;

(c) whether Government have taken a view of the report that thirteen such sailors lost their lives in mysterious circumstances within twenty days;

(d) whether Government are aware of the apprehensions expressed by their family members about the alleged foul play by the shipping syndicate;

(e) whether Government have investigated into such apprehensions, if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) The number of lives lost and missing Indian seafarers in various incidents in the High Seas since January, 2005 till 1st Nov., 2006 are given below:

Incidents	2005	2006	Total
Death	13	12	25
Missing	16	6	22
Total number of lives lost	29	18	47

(b) Details of the shipping companies with whom these sailors were working are given in the enclosed Statement (See below).

(c) Yes, sir. Ten Indian seamen went missing on board Jupiter-6, one each on board MSC Carmen and MV North Challenge while one seaman died on board MV SPAR CETUS.

(d) to (f) The families of the victims on board Jupiter-6, MSC Carmen and MV North Challenge have alleged foul play. As all these vessels are foreign flag ships and the incidents took place in foreign waters, jurisdiction for investigation into the incidents falls under the respective flag states in accordance with the international customary law and United Nations Convention on the Law of the Seas 1982 (UNCLOS).

In the case of MSC Carmen, the flag state Panama conducted the inquiry but did not find any evidence of foul play. Indian High Commission, Mombassa, Kenya also conducted fact finding and did not find any evidence of foul play. When the vessel touched Mumbai subsequently, the Shipping Master also conducted a fact finding inquiry, the conclusion of which did not reveal any foul play. The Government has requested for personal indulgence of Panamanian Consulate at Mumbai for conduct of an early inquiry into the disappearance of the seafarer from MV North Challenge as repeated reminders to Panama Maritime Authorities did not yield any results. However, report into the incident conducted by the Consulate General of India at San Franscisco could not suspect foul play immediately. With regard to the disappearance of Jupiter-6, the Government made queries with the Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre (MRCC), Cape Town, and the Masters of two vessels that were engaged

in the search operations after the receipt of the Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon (EPIRB) alert. Except the EPIRB light, these vessels could neither locate any survivors nor the vessel. Further inquiry of the flag state, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, could not arrive at any definite conclusions on the disappearance of Jupiter-6. The report concluded that the disappearance of Jupiter-6 along with her crew remains an enigma.

### Statement

#### *Loss of lives/missing Indian Seafarers in high seas for Year 2005*

Sl. No.	Name of Ship	Date of Casualty	Nature of Casualty	Total Loss of Lives/ Missing	Name & Address of Owners/Managers
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Mv Stellar CUPID, Panama	26/2/2005 at Sea	Death	1	M/s Univan Ship MGMT. Hongkong
2.	Mt Navarin, Malta	22/3/2005 at Sea	Death	1	Dynacom Tankers MGMT Ltd., Mumbai Liaison Office: 301, 3rd Floor, Crystal Plaza, New Link Road, Chakala, Andheri (E), Mumbai-400099.
3.	Offshore Defender, Indian, OSV	19/7/2005, 200 NM from Mumbai at Sea	Death	1	Raj Shipping Agencies Ltd., Banaji Mansion, 17 Banaji Street Fort, Mumbai-23, Tel.: 22 884720, 21, Fax-22873986
4.	Mt Isola Azzurra (name changed 2001) Italian (New Name as on 2005:EURO AZZURRA), Chemical Tanker	14/1/2005, at Sea	Death	2	Registered Owners: Euroceanica UK Ltd., 1-6, Lombard Street, London, U.K. Managers: V Ships, 21-23, rue du clos, Geneva, Switzerland.
5.	Mt Gandhar	26/4/2005, at Sea	Death	1	M/s. Shipping Corporation of India, Mumbai

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6.	Nana-K, Iran	8/12/2005, at Sea	Death	1	Reg Owner & Managers: KANAFANI .A.R., as-Sura Street, Tartous SYRIA
7.	Mt Morning Lady, Liberia	30/12/2005, at Sea	Death	1	Reg Owners: Fleet Carriers, Liberia. Managers: Western SHPG PTE Ltd., 10, Hoe Chiang Road, Singapore SINGAPORE
8.	Mv Chennai Velarchi, Indian	21/7/2005, at Sea	Death	1	Essar Shpng., Essar House, 11, Keshav Rao Khadyae Marg, Mahalaxmi, Mumbai, India.
9.	Mt Janet, Marshall Island, Oil Tanker	21/1/2005, USA at Sea	Missing	1	Orinoco Marine Consultancy Ind. Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai-59, Tel.: 56407200.
10.	Tug Jupiter 6, Kingston- St Vincent & Granadines, Tug Boat	05/09/2005, at Sea	Missing	10	Managers: Pelmar Shpng. & Engineering Pvt. Ltd., 407, Jolly Bhavan-II, 7, New Marine Lines, Mumbai-400 020, India.
11.	Mv Baltic Leader	12/06/2005, at Sea	Missing	1	Reg. Owner: Irving Shpng., Panama. Ship Managers: Wallem Ship Management Ltd., 979, Kings Rd., Quarry Bay, Hong Kong, China.
12.	North Challenge	13/10/2005, at Sea	Missing	1	Liason Office: Resident Director, Executive Ship Management Pte., Ltd., Sai Commercial Annexe (2nd Floor), DKS Devshi Marg, Govandi Station Road, Govandi (East), Mumbai-400088, India.
13.	MSC Carmen	12/10/2005, at Sea	Missing	1	MSC Ship Mgmt. Ind. Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai Tel.: 55522555/Compania

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					Naviera Roberta S.A., Panama
14.	Mv Mastro Giorgis -II, Flag: Cyprus	11/08/05, at Yemen Coast, at Sea	Missing	1	Reg Owner: Skarama Shipping, Cyprus. Managers: EFNAV Co. Ltd., 2-4, Leoforos Vassileos Pavlou, Piraeus GREECE.
15.	Mv Faiz, Indian Flag G.C., (ex m.v. Agni)	02/06/2005, at Sea	Missing Death	1 4	Owners/Operators: ITT Shpng. (Pvt.) Ltd., 4, Fairlie Place, 622, Kolkata, India.

*Loss of lives/missing Indian seafarers in high seas for Year 2006*

1.	MSC Chitra, Panama, Container Vessel/ 26 Years	5/2/2006, at Sea	Death	1	Citra Naviera, Panama (Reg. Owners). MSC Ship MGMT Hong Kong Ltd. (Managers), 99, Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong HONG KONG, CHINA.
2.	Discover Seven Seas, Panama, Oil Rig/30 Years	10/2/2006, Gulf of Manar, at Sea	Death	1	Transocean Offshore Deepwater, USA. (Owners) Transocean Shipping, Mumbai (Local Agents)
3.	Brilliant Corners, Panama; Bulk Carrier 26 Years	30/3/2006, at Sea	Death	1	FIR Shipping, Panama (Owners). Eurasia International China, (Managers) 1, Hoi Wan Street, Quarry Bay, Hong Kong HONG KONG, CHINA.
4.	MP Panamax-1, Indian Bulk Carrier/25 Years	28/5/2006, 38.27 N 024.56.5 E, at Sea	Death	1	M. Pallonji Shipping Co. Pvt. Ltd. Mumbai (Owners), V Ships India, (Managers) Nariman Point, Mumbai. Managers: V. Ships India Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai.
5.	MV Anushree, Indian Bulk Carrier/13 Years	27/8/2006, Off Magdalla Port (Surat), at Sea	Death	1	M/s. Bulktaimer Shipping Ltd., GBD, Belapur.

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6.	MT Fairchem Colt Panama, Chemical Tanker/1 Year	31/8/2006, Red Sea Coast off Yemen, at Sea	Death	1	Sirius Tank Shipping, S.A. Panama, M/s. Selandia Marine Services Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai.
7.	MV Ecuador Star Flag, Liberian, Reefer Cargo/ 14 Years	8/11/2006, Off Lisbon, at Sea	Death	1	Fleet Management, 601/A, Elegant Business Park, Off Andheri Kurla Road, Near Kohinoor Continental Hotel, Andheri (E) Mumbai-400059.
8.	MV YM March Flag Panama, Container/ 2 Years	14/11/2006, Keelung Taiwan	Death	1	Paramount Shipping & Management Pvt. Ltd., 401, Olympia, Hiranandani Gardens, Powai, Mumbai-400076
9.	MV Mariam IV, Panama Bulk Carrier/26 Years	6/7/2006, Socotra Yemen, at Sea	Death	1	M/s. Adarsh Ship MGMT Pvt. Ltd., 175-A Gaiind Apt. Chennai Tel.: 91-44-22700300
10.	Jag Reena, Indian, Bulk Carrier/6 Years	22/6/2006, at Sea	Death	1	Reg. Owner: Great Eastern Shipping Co. Ltd., 134A, Dr. Annie Besant Road, Worli, Mumbai INDIA. Managers: M/s. Five Stars Ltd., 1/447, Senapati Bapat Marg, Lower Parel, Mumbai, INDIA.
11.	MV Sanmar Majesty, Indian Chemical Tanker/10 Years	10/11/2006, Death Off Lagos, at Sea		1	Sanmar Shipping/ABS Marine Services Pvt. Ltd., MUMBAI.
12.	MV Dayana, Panama, Ro-Ro Cargo/33 Years	11/8/2006, Off Coast of Colombia, at Sea	Death & Missing	1 1	Lakshay Karan Over- Seas Marine and Eng. Services Pvt. Ltd., Mum. Tel.: 27711363.
13.	Mt Stena Contest, Barmuda, Tanker/ 1 Year	9/6/2006, 38.06.2 N 05725.6 W, at Sea	Missing	1	Stena Marine Manage- ment (Owners/ Managers) 78, Shenton Way, # 12-03/04, Singapore-079120.

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14.	Front Sunda, Marshall Island, Crude Oil Tanker/24 Years	19/6/2006, 04 24.13N 1069 15.5E, at Sea	Missing	1	Southwest Tankers Incl. Liberia (Owners). ITM Holding Ltd., (Managers), Al Mankhool Road, Dubai United ARAB EMIRATES
15.	Garware-V, Indian, Offshore Supply Vessel/22 Years	15/7/2006, Bombay High Offshore, at Sea	Missing	1	Reg Owners & Managers: Garware Offshore Services Ltd. Nariman Point, Mumbai INDIA.
16.	MV Bright Artemis & MV Amar, Singapore, Crude Oil Tanker/ 24 Years	14/8/2006, Sri Lankan SRR at Sea	Missing	1	Inter Continental Maritime, Amar Trans Singapore. Tel.:
17.	MV Gati-Zip, Indian, General Cargo/ 23 Years	1/11/2006, Off MIRI, Malaysia, at Sea	Missing	1	M/s. Gati Coast to Coast Laxmi Towers, 2nd Flr. 27/5, Dr. Radhakrishnan Salai, Mylapore, Chennai-600004. Fax: 044-28114269, E-mail: gatiship@eth.net.

*Summary of loss of lives/missing Indian seafarers in high seas for Years 2005 and 2006:*

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**Indian forced to cross over to Iraq**

1711. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Competent authority is aware of the fact that many Indian employees recruited by travel agencies for U.S. logistics companies based